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Home on Colborne St. in Bradford where a 51-year-old Bradford woman was found deceased by South Simcoe Police, on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Bradford homicide charges laid

South Simcoe Police have arrested a 55-year-old Bradford man in connection with the death of his 49-year-old wife, in Bradford, on Nov. 21.

Around 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Police attended a residence on Colborne St. in Bradford, and discovered the 49-year-old woman, deceased in the home.

The woman's husband was arrested in connection with the death, and charged with first degree murder.

Police also secured a home on Centre St., temporarily. "The occurrence was on Colborne, but we have reason to believe (the suspect) visited the house on Centre," said Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson when questioned about the activity. "We don't believe he entered. He just tried the door."

Police say the cause of the woman's death won't be released, but that family members have been notified and interviewed, and that the suspect is knhown to police.

"We can't release the victim's name, or any evidence that can be used in coourt," said Sgt. Wilson, noting that a Section 517 ban on the release of information is in place.

The suspect appeared in court via video link on Nov. 22, and was remanded in custody. He has been identified as Jose Fernandes, 55, of Bradford.

The Bradford couple have four children, one of whom is a resident of Midland.

"It's just a very tragic circumstance for everybody," said Wilson, noting that the family is not only dealing with the tragic death of their mother, but their father's bail hearing.

Fernandes appeared for court on November 25, by video link.

Police are still looking for witnesses or anyone who has information regarding the homicide. Contact Criminal Investigations at 905-775-3311 ext. 1032 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Shadow Cabinet

Conservative Party of Canada Interim Leader and Leader of the Official Opposition, Rona Ambrose has announced her "shadow cabinet" in parliament.

MP for Parry Sound Muskoka Tony Clement will hold the Conservative Portfolio for Foreign Affairs; Dr. Kellie Leitch (Simcoe-Grey) - Health; Lisa Raitt (Milton) – Finance; Erin O'Toole (Durham) – Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; and Peter Van Loan (York-Simcoe) will hold the portfolio for Canadian Heritage and National Historic Sites.

Newly-elected MP for Barrie-Innisfil John Brassard will be Conservative Critic for Urban Affairs.

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Sunday hunting... the other side of the story

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

It seemed like a simple council decision: Allow hunting on Sundays, to give enthusiasts an extra day on the weekend to enjoy their sport.

On Nov. 17, resident Nancy Halbert came to council as a delegation, to present the other side of the story.

Halbert pointed out that if the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury moves ahead, it will be the only municipality in the area permitting Sunday hunting. Innisfil, New Tecumseth, King Township, East Gwillimbury, Dufferin and Peel all maintain a ban.

"Why do we want to allow Sunday (hunting)? Sundays are the only day of the week you can ride bicycles, snowshoe, ski... without the risk of being shot," she told council.

Halbert said that trespassing by hunters is an issue on rural properties and farms, including her own family's farm. "The hunters are shooting uncomfortably close to the fence line. We do not feel safe during hunting season." She suggested that if the town is planning to review its Discharge of Firearms bylaw, it should be looking at more "generous" separations between hunting areas and property lines.

Finally, she pointed out that the County of Simcoe permits hunting in its "Hodgson Forest Tract", better known to hikers and cyclists as the Coulson's Hill forest, despite the fact that it is a "very busy recreational hub at all times of the years... It is a tourist destination."

She has seen hunters' blinds within the forest. "The scariest thing is finding empty beer cans under the hunting shelters," Halbert said. "Guns and alcohol are not a good mix. Guns kill."

She called for a ban on hunting in the Hodgson Tract, due to its heavy recreational use and proximity to Hwy. 400, the town's Public Works building, and Magani Park, just across the street.

There are 13.6 million Ontarians, and only 100,000 members of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Halbert said, adding that she was speaking for the "silent majority, not.... the vocal minority" when she asked council to reconsider its approval of Sunday hunting.

The item was on the agenda, under Committee of the Whole Recommendations – which are usually passed by council without question. Halbert asked that the item be pulled, to permit further discussion.

Speaking in Open Forum, 12th Line resident Mara Aron agreed and added her own experience. "I can bring you the No Trespassing signs (hunters) have shot up. They have taken down our fence line."

Since 2009, repeated calls to police have not brought a resolution, she said. "I don't feel safe walking my own property. Now you're going to add another day to this?"

Councillor Peter Ferragine asked that the recommendation be pulled for further discussion - and recommended stricter "penalties and repercussions" for infractions of the bylaw.

Deputy Mayor James Leduc continued to support Sunday hunting, but expressed surprise that hunting was a permitted use in the county forests in BWG. He promised to bring the issue forward at county council, and ask for a hunting ban at all three forest tracts in the municipality.

Councillor Mark Contois agreed. "We have a lot of hunters... The thing is, I don't want to see them in hiking areas."

He acknowledged that a ban on hunting in county forests will be up to the county, and urged council to wait for a staff report before making a final decision. "We have responsible people here. I know lots of them. I believe everybody can co-exist. The thing is to make sure they're not near our trails, not near our urban boundaries."

"Everybody says, ban Sunday... How is Sunday unsafe from Saturday?" wondered Councillor Raj Sandhu.

But Councillor Gary Baynes warned that, as the only municipality permitting Sunday hunting in the area, "hunters will come out of the GTA, they'll flock to Bradford West Gwillimbury."

Councillor Gary Lamb proposed that Sunday hunting should be allowed only on Ducks Unlimited property, along the Holland River. "Sunday is family day. If you're out for a walk, you don't want to hear guns," Lamb said. "I'm just looking for a compromise."

It was town staff that helped clarify the issue. CAO Geoff McKnight explained that if the recommendation was approved as written, and the town applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources to permit Sunday hunting, "it would be in effect."

Director of Legal Services and Administration Rebecca Murphy urged council to defer a decision until a staff report comes back, "encompassing all the discussion that happened tonight."

Council agreed to defer its decision.

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Point of View

On guard against prejudice

The visit to Bradford of the Tour for Humanity bus during Holocaust Education Week couldn't have been better-timed.

A project of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, the Tour for Humanity is described as "a mobile human rights education centre," providing information on diversity, democracy, Canadian Civic rights and responsibilities.

Although the primary focus is the Holocaust – the extermination of 6 million European Jews, and tens of millions of others deemed unfit by the Nazis – there is also a warning that genocide is not limited to the past, that the unscrupulous continue to play on insular fears to make scapegoats of "outsiders," that we must be ever-vigilant to recognize and halt prejudice and racism.

There has been a rising tide of prejudice against Muslims in Canada and the U.S., especially in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks on Nov. 13 – even though it is clear that ISIS and Al-Qaeda do not represent Islam, or Muslims.

In fact, Muslims have often been the targets and victims of the violence. A bomb in a Beirut marketplace on Nov. 12 killed 44 and left more than 240 wounded, including women and children. And the United Nations estimates that over 250,000 have died in Syria, victims of all sides in the conflict.

People have fled to refugee camps in countries like Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey because they fear for their lives, and the lives of their children – driven out by war, by bombings, and by attacks by ISIS.

For almost five years, they have waited either for the opportunity to go home – which seems less and less likely – or to find a safe haven, and a place to rebuild their lives.

Those are the refugees that Canada will welcome. They are not terrorists; they are the victims of terror.

And just as Muslims cannot be blamed for the actions of haters who pervert Islam, Canadians cannot be considered racists because of the actions of the few - the cowards who threatened and attacked women wearing hijab, or the arsonists who set fire to a mosque in Peterborough on Nov. 14.

In Peterborough, the community responded by raising over $88,000 through crowd-funding to cover the cost of rebuilding, and offered space in local churches for Muslim worship, until the work has been completed.

That's the kind of respect for diversity, the sense of community that we expect as Canadians, and hope to offer Syrian refugees.

Holocaust Education Week

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Diversity Committee held its first Holocaust Education Week in Bradford, with special speaker Andy Reti, who survived the Holocaust as a small child, and a visit from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre's Tour for Humanity - a bus that contains a mobile theatre. The Tour for Humanity provides information not only on the Holocaust that took the lives of 6 million Jewish inhabitants of Europe during the Second World War, and the lives of millions of other innocent victims, but also the threats that exist today, with the rising threat of racism and sectarian violence.

Letters to the Editor

PH AWARENESS MONTH

November is Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Month and Lung Month. I am so pleased to report that we had another successful PH Challenge and Awareness event at the BWG Leisure Centre, Nov. 5-11, raising over $3,000 to date. There is still time to donate.

To all of you who worked so hard for this success, on behalf of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association of Canada, I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude. Very special thanks to the staff at the BWG Leisure Centre, for their partnership in hosting this event again – Manager of Recreation and Client Services Nick Warman; Fitness Supervisor Stephanie Uren; Personal Trainer Marianna Koljubakin, and Fitness Programmer Enrico Mazzone, as well as the facilities staff.

For the second year in a row, our very unique and much-sought-after Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were designed, made and generously donated by Laura Vree of Sweet Handmade cookies (many of you will have met her at the Bradford Farmers' Market). Laura also set up our event Facebook page, and was a valuable part of the planning team – thank you!

Our sincere thanks to Mayor Rob Keffer, who took time out of his very busy schedule (on budget day) to be with us at our awards ceremony on Nov. 12, to present the medals to winners that included Councillor Gary Baynes, who won Silver in Walking. Thank you also to Councillors Peter Ferragine, Ron Orr and Mark Contois who also attended.

There would be no fundraiser without participants, and we had some of the most enthusiastic and competitive people, who biked, walked, ran or swam to challenge themselves and raise funds for PH Research in Canada. Thank you to each of you for participating in this week-long challenge, while raising funds and awareness about this rare and incurable lung disease.

Thank you to Jody Hamilton of the Ontario Lung Association, who partnered with us and supported our PH Events for several years, and who shared her expertise on lung health.

The winner of the grand prize, for raising the most funds for PHA Canada, was PH patient Emily Dolan, who challenged herself to "Walk a Marathon" in the course of the week-long challenge. Seven years ago, she could not walk without gasping for every breath. At her diagnosis, we were told she had three months to live; new medications developed since then have dramatically improved the quality of her life and the lives of many other PH patients. There are now nine approved treatments in Canada.

Donations can be made online at *www.phacanada.ca/ruthdolan*. Tax receipts will be provided for online donations of $10 or more. Cheques can be made out to PHA Canada, noting BWG PH Challenge, and mailed to PHA Canada, Suite 208, 1311 Howe St., Vancouver BC, V6Z 2P3.

RUTH DOLAN
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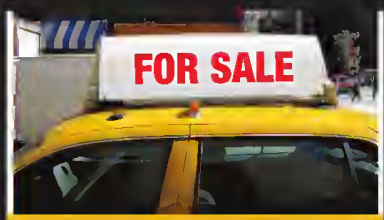

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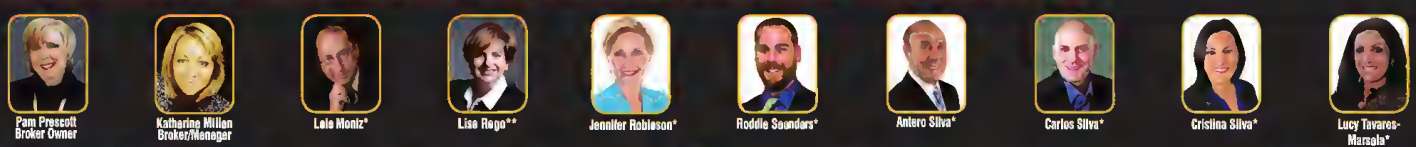

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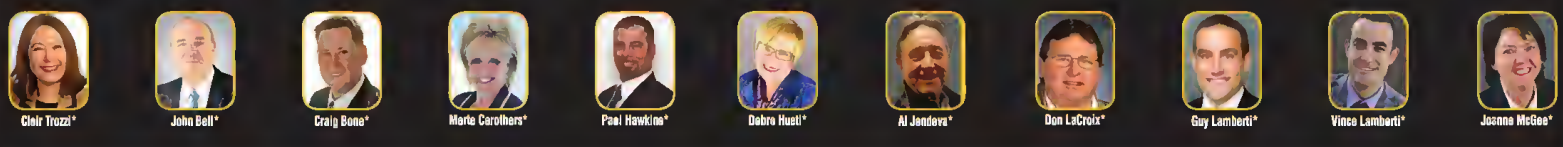

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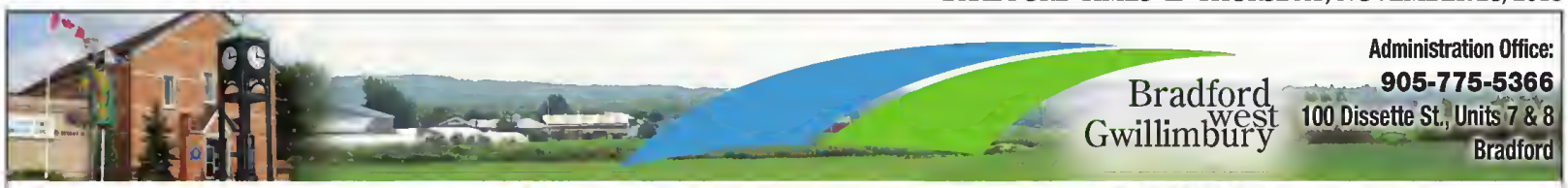

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- Wed. Dec 2 @ 6:30 p.m. BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W. Zima Room

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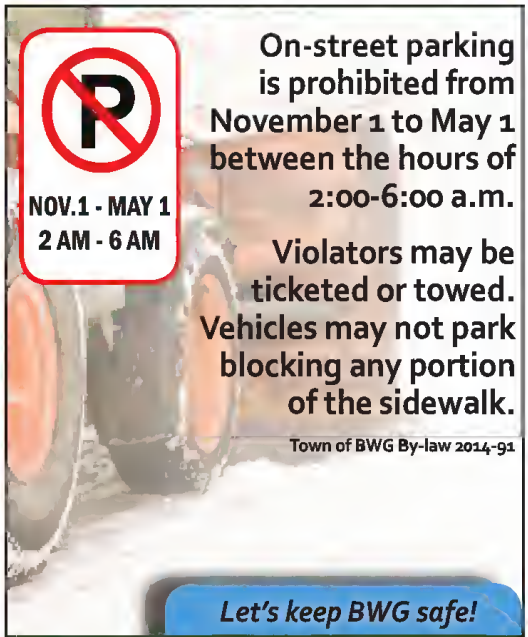

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We thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this process.

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Residents of BWG are invited to meet with your Town Council representatives to discuss issues, raise concerns and learn more about Council's plans and priorities. These informal Community Access Network (CAN) meetings will be held by ward and attended by your ward Councillor as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, so that you can exchange ideas and ask questions relating to your own neighbourhood as well as the entire Town.

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The remaining ward meeting dates will be announced shortly. Information on upcoming CAN meetings will be published here on the Town Page as well as at www.TownofBWG.com and www.facebook.com/TownofBWG.

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A look at the Bond Head water tower

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Another piece of the infrastructure puzzle was presented to Bradford West Gwillimbury residents – the Bond Head water tower.

To be located north of County Rd. 88, between 5 Sideroad and County Rd. 27, the tower will have to be massive, according to the Public Information Centre held at the Bradford Library on Nov. 16. The storage tank will hold 4,800 cubic metres (4.8 million litres) of water, supplied by the John Fennell Reservoir, to service both the Highway 400 Employment lands and planned development in Bond Head.

Looking at a range of water storage options, the consultants have identified two preferred options – a glass-fused-to-steel tank on a concrete pedestal, or a more common welded steel tank on concrete pedestal, an option that accounts for "more than 75% of all elevated water storage applications." The choice was made largely on the basis of capital costs, maintenance costs, technical considerations, and "visual appeal."

The dimensions are impressive. The free-standing water tower would be approximately 48 metres (157') high; the concrete pedestal, 12 m. (40') in diameter; the tank 28 metres (92') in diameter.

Town staff and consultants were on hand to answer questions, hear concerns, and explain the process, which has seen the completion of a municipal environmental assessment, and archaeological assessment. geotechnical investigation of the soils, and a natural heritage review of the vegetation and wildlife are ongoing. The project is "not expected to create any significant environmental impacts."

The next steps in the process involve incorporating comments from the Public Information Centre, completing site investigations, and detailed design. The project is expected to go to tender late in 2016, with construction planned for 2017-2018.

Conservation study for Bond Head

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Bradford West Gwillimbury Council has voted to move forward with a Heritage Conservation District Study for the Hamlet of Bond Head.

A total of $40,000 was set aside in last year's budget, for a Heritage Conservation District study in either Bond Head or in "Old Bradford", where many homes constructed in the 19th century remain. The BWG Heritage Committee on Nov. 2 recommended moving forward with the Bond Head study.

Bond Head resident and local historian David Chambers spoke in Open Forum on Nov. 17, encouraging council's support for the study. "We should plan our own destiny while we have the opportunity," he said, urging the town to negotiate with consultants to also include the "small and complete 19th century hamlet" of Newton Robinson at the same time, to effect cost-savings.

Councillor Gary Baynes, pointing to the push-back to the Bradford West Gwillimbury Heritage Committee's expanded Heritage Registry suggested deferring the study. "I think we should take our time with this one and think it through."

But Deputy Mayor James Leduc suggested that the process could provide information and "actually open some dialogue," creating a better understanding of heritage and "some better feedback."

"I think this study will bring forward a lot more information and make us more educated on it," agreed Councillor Peter Ferragine.

With new development planned in Bond Head within the next three years, the study was also seen as an important step in protecting Bond Head's historic main street.

Council voted in support of the HCD Study for Bond Head. Newton Robinson was not included.

NOTICES

Anniversary at the Bradford Legion

The legion celebrates its **65th anniversary** on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 5 p.m., with a 1950s-themed party, featuring a DJ, '50s decor, and light snacks. The Bradford Branch 521 of the Royal Canadian Legion was founded in December of 1950. All members, family, friends and the community are invited to come out and celebrate.

Friday Night Social Time. Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, enjoy dinner for a moderate fee, followed by music and camaraderie. Don't forget - on the first Friday of each month, enjoy karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge. For information, call the legion at 905-775-5025.

The legion is here for Canada's vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for assistance. Contact Veteran Services Officer Ron Harmer at 705-775-4919.

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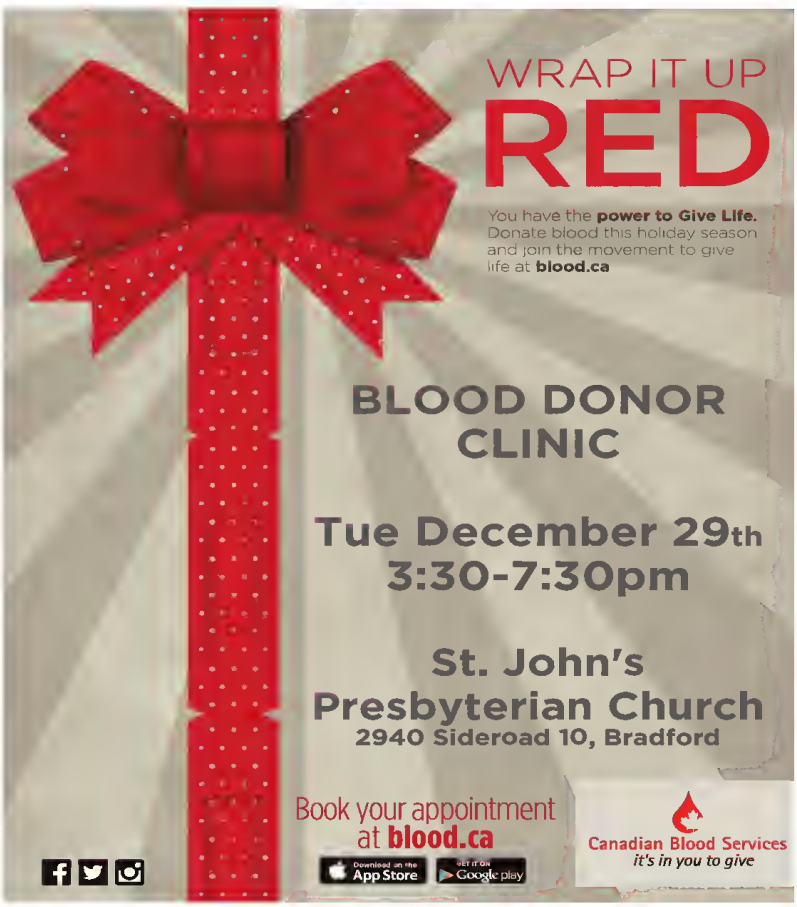

Getting glamorous at the legion

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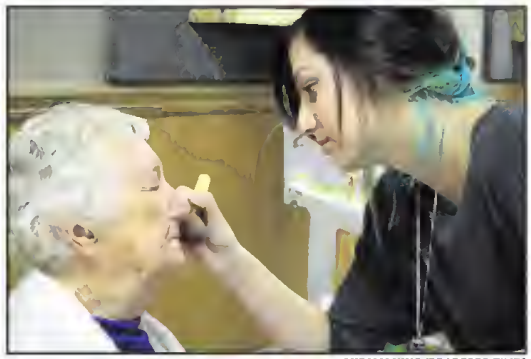
Seniors from both the Bradford and Holland Landing Wellness Programs of CHATS gathered at the Bradford Legion on Nov. 19, for their close-ups.

It was the annual Glamour Shots Day – a morning of new hairstyles and make-up makeovers, courtesy of staff from Tangles Hair Salon & Spa in Holland Landing, and free Glamour photographs shot against a Christmas backdrop, courtesy of Kim Dodge Photography.

More than 30 seniors came out for the program, which also included refreshments and activities.

CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors – is dedicated to helping seniors maintain an independent lifestyle in their own homes, and enjoy social activities and outings in their community. Home maintenance programs, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Adult Day Programs, and Seniors Wellness Programs are available at a minimal cost.

The Seniors Wellness Program is especially designed for active seniors who are looking for a morning of fun and socializing. Meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the program offers Health and Wellness education, gentle exercise and activities, and a nutritious lunch, for only $8. For more information on the Seniors Wellness Program, contact Laura at 905-715-1767.



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Megan, of Tangles Hair Salon & Spa in Holland Landing, gives Agnes Henderson a make-over.

A happy 50th anniversary

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Ivars and Betty Vitins celebrated their 50th anniversary on Nov. 22, surrounded by friends and family members at the Lusitano Banquet Hall. The couple, who have three children and three grandchildren, moved to Bradford in 1971, and have lived in the community ever since. Asked the secret of a good marriage, Betty smiled, "You've got to give and take!" Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer attended the celebration and offered congratulations from the town, noting there's a lot of love and camaraderie" that comes with the milestone of a 50th wedding anniversary.

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When Santa came to town...

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

More lights. More floats. More marching bands.

The 2015 Bradford West Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade attracted record crowds and participants, as it made its way from Bradford District High School to the Bradford Community Centre on Saturday evening.

Along parts of the route, crowds were lined up three-deep, to watch as the parade passed.

The weather started off mild and clear. Floats marshalled at the high school, led by the Simcoe County Paramedics, collecting donations for their annual Toy Drive, and BWG Fire & Rescue, lights flashing and sirens blaring.

Marchers nearly made it to the end of the route before the rain began and the wind picked up, with gusts buffeting some of the final floats in the parade – including Santa's sleigh.

Santa sped through the final kilometre of the parade route, waving to the children, and encouraging them to make sure they ended up on the "Nice" list, before Christmas Eve.

This year, the Santa Claus parade was run by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – but all of the volunteers with the former BWG Santa Claus Parade Committee were there, helping to organizing the parade, and walking the parade route to ensure another great welcome for Santa Claus.

Dream carriage for Diamond Dreams jewellery.

Dragon Dancers.

Bradford Lions Club's popular Cars float.

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Girl Guides march.

Young participant marching in the BWG Santa Claus Parade.

Santa Claus himself, in the BWG Santa Claus Parade.

Help build a mountain of toys

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The BWG Events Group is partnering with RiverEdge Dental this year, for its third annual Toy Drive, taking place Saturday, Dec. 5, at Zehrs Market in Bradford.

The Toy Drive asks residents to help build a "mountain of toys" for the Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County, and the families it serves.

Nancy Green has been co-ordinator of the Christmas Toy program at the CAS for the past 28 years – ensuring that the efforts of local charities, groups and organizations are co-ordinated, and that "those who need help, get help."

There are about 800 families on the CAS active list, in need of assistance during the holiday season – and whether they celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa or Eid, the families will receive holiday hampers, containing everything from socks and underwear, to toys for the children, grocery gift cards for a holiday meal, even small gifts for parents, "to help provide families with a celebration."

Some of the families are in the care of Children's Aid, or are being supervised or receiving services from CAS. The list also includes foster families; Youth ages 17 and 18 in the Independent Living program and still in school; and "Kin Families."

These days, there is an increasing number of grandparents, aunts and uncles who are raising young children left in their care. It reflects the CAS policy, that "it's better for the child to be with kin," but there is often little support available for the relatives. Green makes sure they also receive holiday hampers.

The need is growing, especially among the working poor. "They are truly struggling, holding down two jobs to make ends meet," Green says. Many are single-parent families, reflecting divorce and abandonment. "It's very difficult. You can't maintain the same standard of living when you're on your own." And often it is the children who suffer.

But not at Christmas; not if Green and her staff have anything to say about it. They end up collecting, sorting and evaluating all of the donated toy and gift items, brought in through a variety of toy drives – matching donations with the needs and wishes of their families. They ensure that not only do kids in foster care receive gifts, but that they can also choose presents for their foster-siblings – and that Youth in the Independent Living program, if they go home for the holidays, will come home to a holiday dinner.

All of the toys collected in South Simcoe will stay in South Simcoe for local families. Green co-ordinates with the local food bank, and organizations that include Barrie Christmas Cheer, and Innisfil Christmas for Kids, to ensure that there's no overlap of the lists.

The third annual BWG Events Group Toy Drive and fundraiser will take place Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Zehrs Market, 500 Holland Street West, with face-painting, Minions, The Chipmunks, live entertainment, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and more.

Toys for all ages are needed, but especially gifts for infants – diapers, wipes, infant development toys, sleepers, reusable baby bottles, bibs, sippy cups – and tweens or teens. The older kids appreciate toiletries, gift cards from popular clothing stores and movie passes, for an evening out that otherwise would be beyond their finances. Please: No video games or war toys.

There are also opportunities for donors to "adopt a family." The need is growing, but Green knows it can be filled. "The community is so generous," she says.

REDUCE YOUR HOOFPRINT

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is hosting a free workshop, 'Caring for Your Horse and Farm', at the Cookstown Public Library on Nov. 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The seminar will look at the importance of installing fencing along streams and wetlands, constructing manure storage, building composting bins and planting windbreaks, as well as maximizing grazing potential while protecting wildlife. Landowners will learn to use the Horse Owner's Stewardship Guide to complete an environmental assessment of their farm, and create an action plan. A light lunch is included. Free, but pre-registration is required, by contacting Shannon Stephens at sstephens@nvca.on.ca or 705-424-1479 ext. 239.

A second workshop will take place Dec. 5, at the Mel Lloyd Centre in Shelburne.

Roast beef dinner

Trinity Anglican Church, located at 62 Church St. in Bradford, hosts a roast beef dinner on Friday, Dec. 4, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, turnips, peas, coleslaw, and home-baked pies for dessert, only $18 per person, $10 for ages 10 and under. For tickets call Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134, or Lorna Oldreive, 905-853-8170.

Winter moccasin workshop

The Friends of Scanlon Creek are partnering with Lure of the North, experts in traditional winter camping and northern culture, to offer a unique two-day workshop: Make Your Own Winter Moccasins.

The workshop will take place at the Scanlon Creek Nature Centre, Dec. 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Participants will design and create their own canvas or deerskin moccasins.

Cost for the workshop is $250 (plus HST), which includes all materials for the outer moccasin, guided instruction, access to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, and a donation towards the purchase and intallation of solar lighting at Scanlon.

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The Brittany Buck Hair & Beauty Boutique team join Pink Closet's Cindy and Tamara, at the Girl's Holiday Night Out in Bradford, Ont. on Tuesday November 17, 2015.

Pink Closet hosts a Girls' Night Out

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

For a fourth year, The Pink Closet held its annual Holiday Girls' Night Out, Nov. 17 – not only an opportunity to introduce the store's Holiday and Winter clothing collections, but to benefit the Helping Hand Food Bank.

Admission to the RSVP-only event was a donation of non-perishable food for the food bank, and the event quickly "sold out."

The women enjoyed sparkling water and hors d'oeuvres, a fashion show featuring clothing and accessories from The Pink Closet, and the latest trends in make-up and hair by Brittany Buck Hair & Beauty Boutique. Local artist Erica Quattrin performed.

Every lady left with the gift of an Infinity scarf, and a 20% off coupon for the store, and there were plenty of give-ways, donated by The Pink Closet, Brittany Buck Hair & Beauty, and Bradford Skin Clinic, to get everyone in a festive spirit.

Top trends for the holidays? "Tassels and bling!" says store owner Cindy Weidelich.

The Pink Closet is located at 444 Holland St. West, Unit 2, in the West Park Plaza.

Be Well Chiropractic celebrating five years

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

Over the past five years, Be Well Chiropractic Health & Wellness has grown, adding to its team of health care professionals and the services they provide to the community of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

From chiropractic and naturapathic medicine, to physiotherapy, massage Therapy, acupuncture, and custom-made orthotics, Be Well offers a range of holistic and non-invasive services.

Located in the West Park Plaza at 442 Holland St. West, Unit 12, the Health & Wellness clinic has kept up with the latest in evidence-based treatments, including extra-corporeal shockwave therapy for chronic and acute pain. Specialties include expectant mothers and newborns, and the treatment of workplace and sports injuries.

Be Well is the "treating clinic of choice" for the Bradford Eagles soccer club.

Chiropractic Dr. Leeann Ng and husband Cliff Ngai celebrated Be Well Chiropractic's fifth anniversary on Nov. 20, receiving congratulations from Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer, and Councillors Gary Lamb, Gary Baynes, Peter Ferragine and Ron Orr.

"It is really important for the businesses that come to our town to be part of the community," Mayor Keffer said – something that Be Well Chiropractic has done, providing placements for high school co-op students, financial support for CrossTrainers' The Hub Youth Drop in Centre, and participating in numerous community events.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Mayor Rob Keffer and members of council, Bradford Board of Trade's Nancy Taylor join Be Well Chiropractic owners Dr. LeeAnn Ng and Cliff Ngai in toasting the fifth anniversary of the clinic - with non-alcoholic organic sparkling juice.

The mayor presented a certificate expressing "very best wishes for your continued success... expertise, and excellent customer service."

"The first couple of years in any business are the hardest years. You're beyond that," said Councillor Ferragine, adding his congratulations.

"I couldn't have made it without my staff and my practitioners, because we are a team," said Dr. Leeann Ng.

"We're certainly happy," said Cliff Ngai. "One of our mandates in the community is to be involved... Giving back."

Be Well Chiropractic Health & Wellness, 442 Holland St. West in Bradford; see *www.bewellchiro.ca* for more information or call 905-775-2323 or email *info@bewellchiro.ca*

"We accept patients from all walks of life, from infants to the elderly," said Dr. Ng. "Pain should never become a way of life, especially when there is qualified help available."

Introducing the new Mrs. Claus at Upper Canada Mall

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Santa Claus may represent the spirit of giving – but who really deals with all the details of the holiday season? Who organizes the family get-togethers, the office parties, the cookie excbanges, the decorating and the Christmas dinner? Mrs. Claus, that's who – and Upper Canada Mall has launched a new campaign to give her her due. 'I Am Mrs. Claus' is a nod to all the women who work hard to create a Merry Christmas, with enthusiasm, planning, style and grace.

At the launch, a stylishly-updated Mrs. Claus shared tips for holiday coping, DIY gift ideas and an invitation to celebrate women's contributions to the festive season.

"We take on the lion's share of the Christmas tradition. What don't we do?" said Mrs. Claus. "Sure, my partner helps a lot, but I say we're still the driving force behind this all!"

"This year, Mrs. Claus claims the credit," said Upper Canada Mall marketing director Jennifer Kleinberg, welcoming Mrs. Claus to the mall. "Do we really feel that Santa Claus picks all those gifts?"

The light-hearted campaign is designed to make the season less of a challenge, and more fun – offering extended shopping hours, Beta Sigma Phi charity gift-wrapping service, helpful gift guides and gift cards, and encouraging women to indulge themselves, just a little, in the midst of all tbe hustle and bustle, with a #MyMrsClaus gift to themselves.

Shoppers wbo share their Mrs. Claus gifts-to-themselves or follow Upper Canada Mall on Twitter or Instagram (using *#MyMrsClaus@UpperCanadaMall*) will have a chance to win a grand prize of a $500 Upper Canada Mall gift card.

"Let the elves take care of it – you get all glammed up!" said Kleinberg.

There's even something for those wanting to visit Mr. Claus. Santa will be at his village at the mall until Dec. 24, for professional photos with Santa – but this year, families can "lose the wait" by pre-booking a time slot for a visit, at *uppercanadamall.com/events.*

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

High-fashion Mrs. Claus, centre, surrounded by fashion bloggers in an indoor snowstorm at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Stuff the command post with toys

Nov. 27 through 29, residents will be invited to Stuff a Command Post – with toys.

It's the annual South Simcoe Police Toy Drive, held in partnership with CTV Barrie. The goal is to build a Toy Mountain for the children of families served by the Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County. The South Simcoe Mobile Command Post will be at various locations all weekend, accepting donations of new and unwrapped toys.

On Nov. 27, the Command Post will set up at Canadian Tire Store, 430 Holland St. West in Bradford, from 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28, the Command Post will move to the Walmart Supercentre, 545 Holland St. West in Bradford, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

And on Sunday, Nov. 29, the Toy Drive will be at the Alcona Sobeys, on Innisfil Beach Road, from 9 a.m. until noon – just before the Innisfil Santa Claus Parade.

Donation boxes will also be set up at both North and South Division stations, available Monday to Friday, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Celebrity guests are expected to come out, to help Stuff the Command Post. In the past, guests have included Breakfast Television's Frank Ferragine, and South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley.

In Brief

The Helping Hand Food Bank at 123 Moore St. will be holding registration days at the food bank, for anyone requiring assistance. The Christmas Food Box will contain a ham or turkey, fresh fruits and vegetables, and other festive goodies. Toys will be age-appropriate.

Dates for registration are the regular hours of operation at the food bank, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m., and Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. throughout November. **Last day to register is Nov. 27.**

Pick-up will be at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church on Tuesday, Dec. 22, between 6 and 8 p.m.

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We would also like to thank Jack Rupke for arranging and driving the float, Munshaw Farms for providing the Tractor and Wagon, Elanna Evans of Snap'd South Simcoe for participating on our float and the community of Bradford for coming out to the event and making donations to the Food Bank.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy Holiday!

HTHS Invitational... Everyone into the pool

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Holy Trinity Catholic High School hosted an Invitational Swim Meet at the BWG Leisure Centre, for schools within the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

Bradford's Holy Trinity Tigers competed against St. Joseph and St. Theresa Catholic High Schools from Barrie, and Midland's St. Joan of Arc.

The Joan of Arc team, although late in arriving at the leisure centre, won the first event – the Jr. Girls 200 Medley Relay. Holy Trinity teams were second and third.

Holy Trinity's Stefan Ribeiro and team won the Jr. Boys' 200 Medley Relay, and the HTHS Junior Boys dominated in competition.

"Ironman" Diego Carvalho came in first in the Jr. Boys 50M Backstroke – in fact, teammates Gavin McAuley, John Kurt Andreachi and Stefan Ribeiro made it a clean sweep of the top four positions.

Carvalho also won the Jr. Boys 100M IM and 100M Freestyle, and led the team to a first the Jr. Boys Freestyle Relay.

McAuley and Carvalho finished 1-2 in the Jr. Boys 50M Freestyle – and McAuley took another first, in Jr. Boys 50M Breaststroke.

Holy Trinity's Jr. and Sr. Girls couldn't wrest first place from strong swimmers from St. Joseph's Catholic HS and St. Theresa, but recorded a number of second, third and fourth place finishes.

With so many young swimmers taking part, classes were broken into heats and timed. In some cases, there was only a fraction of a second between first and second place.

St. Joseph's Katelyn Cudmore was one of the shining stars in Jr. Girls competition, finishing first overall in the 100M Freestyle, 100M I.M. and 50M Butterfly.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Rhylie-May Pickering, Holy Trinity HS SWAD competitor, practices her dive at the BWG Leisure Centre.

Round two at the national championships

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

14-year-old Jenevieve Scobbie will be taking a break from her Grade 9 studies this weekend.

Instead, the Bradford District High School student will be following her passion, and running in the Cross-Country National Championships, taking place in Kingston on Nov. 28.

This is the second time that the young runner will be competing at the national level. She will run a 4K cross-country race, competing against an estimated 150 girls in Grades 9 through 12 – one of only a handful of Grade 9 students on her Newmarket team to be participating in the race.

Scobbie has had another outstanding running season, despite some issues that have sent her to physiotherapy. She won silver at the GBSSA secondary school competitions, and competed at the All-Ontarios, where she placed in the top 33%. And, says mom Stephanie, "She's been working really, really hard," with her coaches and in training with the Newmarket Huskies. "She's so committed."

A large local team will be competing at the national championships – the first time in several years that the competition has been held in Ontario. "Having it here gives the opportunity to students here in Ontario," Stephanie notes, and has made Jenevieve even more determined to do her best.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Bradford resident Jenevieve Scobbie ran the 5K CarrotFast Run in Bradford on Aug. 15, and was the 20th to cross the finish line.

BWG Minor Hockey results

ATOM LL

Oct. 24, Bradford #3 Scotiabank - 1, Bradford #2 - 0. Winning goal by Samuel Hewit from Phil Collings.

Oct. 31, Bradford #3 Scotiabank - 3, Bradford #1 - 2. Scotiabank scoring by Hugh Carson from Braydon Brown; Brown from Jacob Elliston; and Samuel Hewit from Taylor Newton.

Nov. 7, Bradford #3 Scotiabank - 5, Bradford #4 - 2. Scoring by Samuel Hewit with a pair, singles by Jacob Ochnik, Fraser Callacott unassisted, and Braydon Brown. Assists to Hewit, Mikhail Simonian, Phil Collings and Mason Bardos.

Nov. 14, Bradford #3 Scotiabank - 2, Bradford #2 - 0. Scotiabank goals by Braydon Brown from Phil Collings and Evan Beeston; and Aadi Patel from Francesco Gammicchia. Solid goaltending in all games by Carsyn Elliott.

PEEWEE LL

Nov. 19, Bradford Local League Peewees #2 – 1, Lefroy #1 – 1, in a nail-biter. Goal by Christian Flynn from Matthew Svirac and Luis Faria, outstanding netminding from Owen Dale.

Nov. 22, Bradford #2 – 2, Thornton #3 – 0. Goals by Matthew Svirac from Aadi Patel; and Benny Gentile from Braeden MacLean. Shutout to Aiden Morby.

PEEWEE AE

Nov. 6, Southpoint – 3, Bradford – 1. Lone goal by Tristan Davis from Ethan Rendine.

Nov. 6, Bradford – 6, Niagara Falls – 0. Scoring by Jacob Zinner and Kevin Zwaal with a pair apiece, singles by Keegan Terrey and Tristan Davis. Assists to Ethan Rendine (3), Teah Cribbie, and James Miller.

Nov. 9, Bradford – 2, Orillia Terriers – 2. Bradford goals by Antonio Kutlarovski from James Miller; and Teah Cribbie from Nathan Pruitt.

Nov. 15, Richmond Hill Stars – 3, Bradford – 2, in a close match. Goals by Kevin Zwaal from James Miller; and Keegan Terrey from Nathan Gainer.

MINOR PEEWEE REP

Nov. 17, Bradford – 2, NobleKing – 1. Scoring by Isaiah Drummond from Evan Drummond; and Christian Campoli from Tanner Hueglin. Awesome goaltending by Matthew Amaral.

Nov. 21, Bradford – 5, Aurora – 5. Bradford goals by Paul Blair with 2, singles by Matthew Boughner, Nathan Pare and Tanner Hueglin, on assists from Jeremiah Oake, Gianmarco Bruni, Hueglin, Jacob Sanelli and Darcy Mott. Ryan Somerville was spectacular between the pipes.

Community Listings

FRI., NOV. 27

STUFF A COMMAND POST: South Simcoe Police Toy Drive for the Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Canadian Tire Store on Holland St. West. Also, Saturday, Nov. 28 at Walmart in Bradford from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 29 at the Alcona Sobeys in Innisfil.

WINE & CHEESE GALA: At Lakeside Retirement residence, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Please RSVP at 705-431-8105.

SAT., NOV. 28

BWG LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETS: At the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, 2 p.m. Guest Speaker Rev. Daniel Graves of Trinity Anglican Church will talk about Rev. Featherstone Osler in West Gwillimbury.

CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Home-baking, Christmas decorations, wood carving, jewellery, hand-made cards, crocheted hats, and a Tea Room at the church on Yonge St. in Innisfil. Bring a new pair of mitts or socks for the needy, and be entered in a draw for a Gift Basket.

PROCYON WILDLIFE CHRISTMAS SALE: A fundraiser for the care and rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife, at the Tottenham Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 20 vendors. Bring a Photo of your pet and artist Anna Paszterko will create a Pet Portraits.

BRADFORD LIONS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Upstairs at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., from 8 to 10 a.m. $5 for adults, free for kids under 12 with a donation of non-perishable food for the food bank. Santa will be there - bring your camera!

FESTIVITIES WITH FRIENDS: At the Stroud Library in Innisfil, 10:30 a.m. - drop in for Christmas storytime, crafts, treats and a visit with Santa!

PEROGY DINNER: St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, hosts a fundraising dinner of Perogies, Sausage, Meat-on-a-stick, salad and dessert, $10-$12-$14. Tickets at the door.

SUN., NOV. 29

INNISFIL SANTA CLAUS PARADE: Starts 1:30 p.m. at 25 Sideroad and Innisfil Beach Rd., and travels westward. For info see www.icecorp.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: At the Innisfil Lions Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Road, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancake Breakfast, with scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee, tea or juice, only $5. Kids can make crafts, have their faces painted, shop in the Santa's Secret Store and meet Santa Claus. Donations of non-perishable food for the Innisfil Food Bank are welcomed.

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA: At Pet Valu in Bradford, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $10 for a 5" by 7" photo of your pet with Santa Claus; proceeds will go to local animal shelters.

FRI., DEC. 4

BWG CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS: Treelighting at 6 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre's Sunshine Square, with Carolling, free hot chocolate and Santa. Indoors, enjoy free leisure skating at 6:40 p.m., seasonal crafts, and free photos with Santa Claus upstairs in the multipurpose room.

ROAST BEEF DINNER: At Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, 4:30-7 p.m. $18 adults, $10 for ages 10 and under. For tickets call 905-775-3134 or 905-853-8170.

TREE-LIGHTING IN ALCONA: Alcona Fire Station hosts its annual Tree-lighting and visit from Santa, 7 p.m. Refreshments. Bring a camera to take photos with Santa Claus.

Perogy dinner

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

The ladies of St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church are serving up another perogy dinner, at the church, 721 Simcoe Road in Bradford. On Saturday, Nov.28 from 4 to 7 p.m., drop n to enjoy a dinner of potato and cheddar perogies, sausage, meat-on-a-stick, salad and dessert, for $10, $12 or $14, depending on the size (small-medium-large). Side orders include fabulous cabbage rolls and borscht. Tickets at the door. Funds will go to the renovation and restoration of the church.

News Brief

Breakfast with Santa

The Bradford Lions Club presents Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road. Enjoy a buffet breakfast for $5 per person, at this fundraiser for the Helping Hand Food Bank. Kids under 12, accompanied by an adult, are free with a donation of an item of non-perishable food for the food bank. Come and enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast, and meet Santa Claus.

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. ***Trim the Tree at the Library.*** From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, drop by the library to make decorations for the library tree, and to take home. For kids ages 3 and up, accompanied by their parents. The Bradford School of Dance will perform at 1 p.m.

. ***Holiday Storytime***, on Dec. 9 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. All ages will enjoy books about the holiday, and make special greeting cards at this free event.

. ***Fairy Tale Fun Crafts and Activities***, on Dec. 12 from 1 to 2 p.m., for kids ages 7 to 11. Cost is $3 per child; please pre-register at Borrower Services.

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Student volunteers Steffani, left and Anastasia create Minion buttons during Minion Mania.

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Bradford Times

In a timely move, Bradford West Gwillimbury council has recommended approval of a Winter Operation policy, that sets the minimum standards for winter snow removal and road clearance.

The Winter 2015-2016 Operations Plan was presented to Committee of the Whole on Nov. 17. It prioritizes the town's 562 lane km of roads and 111 lane km of sidewalks, based primarily on whether a street is a major arterial, a connector, or a less important sidestreet.

The plan calls for monitoring of weather and road conditions during the winter season, and proposes that plowing will be triggered by the accumulation of 5 cm (2") on top priority roads, with clearance effected within six to 12 hours.

On less important roads, accumulations could reach eight to 10 cm before the plows are called out, with clearance within 16 to 24 hours. Maps were provided, showing the plowing schedule for all of Bradford West Gwillimbury's streets.

Joe Coleman, Manager of Business Operations noted that public works will provide updates during major weather events, during working hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - but not after-hours.

Councillor Peter Ferragine questioned the gap. "One of the biggest concerns we heard from residents was communications," he said, referring to the response to a major winter storm last season. He suggested it was critical "just to get that information out, because that's what our residents expect of us."

Town Chief Administrative Officer Geoff McKnight explained that only when there are disruptions, would the information be broadcast after-hours, on the website and through Twitter. "Where there is an issue, where the snow is coming down so hard we're removing plows from streets, when police are shutting down streets, that is when we would get that out there," McKnight said.

Deputy Mayor James Leduc complained that the policy left council and the CAO without power. "This is pretty interpretive for your staff. Once we approve this policy, it's completely out of our hands," Leduc said, suggesting that the policy should include "the opportunity" for the CAO to instruct plow operators.

Coleman noted that his crews were all professionals, well-trained and experienced in monitoring road conditions. As for the complaints received during last year's major storm, he admitted the department had been caught off-guard, expecting only a 12-hour snowfall.

Snow fell for 24 hours.

"The events last year were unfortunate," Coleman said, and "exhausted hours of service" before the storm ended. The first shift started at 4 a.m.; the second shift overlapped, but allowable hours on the road were used up "and it kept snowing and snowing."

The department has six full-time operators and two part-time; another proposed full-time position was recently cut from the 2016 budget.

The document included a warning to property owners, who are "required not to place cars, fences, posts, hedges, shrubs, driveway curbs/edging or other obstructions including garbage bins on the road allowance" because they can "pose safety concerns, cause damage to equipment and interference with maintenance operations." The one exception: mailboxes, and the procedure for making claims due to damage from plows was also detailed in the report.

One more reminder: All overnight parking in BWG is banned between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. (3 a.m. to 6 a.m. in the downtown Bradford "entertainment district"), from Nov. 1 to May 1, to facilitate snow clearance.

Vigil for Paris victims of terrorism

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

A small group attended a candlelight vigil for the victims of terrorism in Paris, last Thursday night in Bradford. Standing in the windswept parking lot of the Bradford Library, surrounding a single flame protected from the wind by a glass lantern, they shared their thoughts on hearing that terrorists had launched another attack against innocent civilians. The vigil was organized by Cynthia Breadner (holding lamp), through the Bradford Social Network Association, to help create "a community that comes together for a sacred moment."

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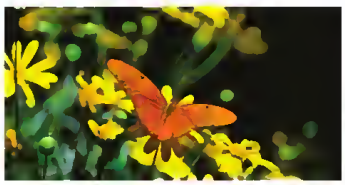

Obituaries

ASSELSTINE, Elizabeth May (Betty) - Peacefully passed away at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie surrounded by her family on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Betty Asselstine (nee Stoddart) formerly of Leaside and Churchill at 85 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Ross Asselstine. Loving mother of Anthony (Jayne), Randall (Claudette) and Christopher (Terry). Proud grandmother of Jennifer, Julie, Jonathan, Christa, Ryan, Kaitlin, Ashley and Cody. Cherished great grandmother of Quinn, Carter, Ivy, Hudson and Audree Maye. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Seturday, November 21, 2015 at 10 a.m followed by cremation. In Betty's memory donations may be made to the Churchill United Church.

Obituaries

GRIFFITHS, Kimberley - After a hard battle with cancer, Kimberley Griffiths passed away in her home on the morning of Friday, November 20, 2015. As a loving mother, sister, daughter, and friend who would give everything and anything for those she loved, she will be missed by many and forgotten by none. Kim's family would like to extend a thank you to all those who have supported Kim, her children, and the rest of the family throughout these last few years. She left this world happy and proud of the people and love she was surrounded by. As per family wishes, Kim will be cremated immedietely and there will be a celebration of her life with details to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Stronach Regional Cancer Center at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket or to a trust that has been set up for Kim's children would be greatly appreciated.

Obituaries

SNOW, Nives - Passed away at Mackenzie Health Centre, Richmond Hill on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Nives Snow (nee Candido) of Gilford at 60 years of age. Beloved wife of Perry Snow. Dear mother of Corey (Carrie) Snow, Catherine Snow, James Snow and Megan Snow. Proud grandma of Brandon, Jesse, Natasha and Ivory. Cherished daughter of Evelina and late Arduino Candido. Dear sister of Franco end late Walter Candido and family. Friends called et **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bredford for visitation. Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, Bradford on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation.

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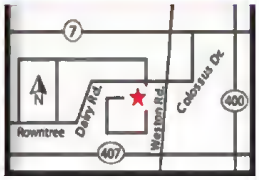
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